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ACHIEVEMENT WEEK **NOVEMBER 4-12, 1950**



Facts on achievements of 4-H Clubs for use of press and radio //

"Better Living for a Better World," their theme for 1950, has challenged the best efforts of nearly 2 million rural boys and girls who are members of the 4-H Clubs. Working toward that goal, they have produced and conserved food through their 4-H projects. They have made their homes more livable and attractive, their home farms more efficient and profitable.

They have improved their own health and cooperated in improving health conditions in their homes and communities. They have worked as responsible citizens to help improve their own communities. They have carried out programs and activities that would give them a better understanding of their responsibilities in the world of today.

National 4-H Achievement Week is being held to report and study their accomplishments. The clubs will give recognition for work well done by the 4-H members and their volunteer local leaders.

The 4-H Clubs and their leaders are making plans for achievement banquets or other special events. Many newspaper and radio stations will carry news and special features about the accomplishments of the clubs and members in their areas. Exhibits of typical work will be displayed in business places. Adult organizations, such as service clubs, chambers of commerce, and farm organizations, will feature talks by 4-H members and local leaders of clubs at luncheons and similar events.

The 4-H Clubs are organized groups of rural young people who carry on projects in farming or homemaking under the guidance of cooperative extension workers and volunteer leaders trained by them. There are 4-H Clubs in almost all counties of every State and in Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. The age of members runs from 10 to 21 years. 4-H Club work is a part of the national educational system of cooperative extension work in agriculture and homemaking in which the United States department of Agriculture, the State land-grant (agricultural) colleges, and the counties share.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS, 1950*

A RECORD YEAR

What Nearly 2,000,000 Members Did in Their 84,000 4-H Clubs
Under the Guidance of Their 250,000 Local Volunteer Club Leaders

1. 4-H members produced and conserved food, to make more available for their own families, for other families, and for those in need in other lands:

Garden products	acres	100,000
Poultry	birds	9,000,000
Livestock	head	1,000,000
Food crops	acres	900,000
Products preserved	quarts.	16,000,000
Food frozen	pounds.	3,000,000

2. They made their homes more attractive and livable through their 4-H Club work in --

Food planning, preparation and service	meals	20,000,000
Room improvement	units	650,000
Arts and crafts	articles	350,000
Home management	activities.	130,000
Beautification of home grounds.	homes	120,000
Clothing	garments.	2,200,000
Child care	children.	17,000
Music appreciation	homes reached	225,000

3. They made their homes and home farms more efficient and profitable through their 4-H Club work.

<u>Club members</u>	<u>Achievement</u>
310,000	kept personal accounts
510,000	participated in fire and accident prevention
130,000	made use of special economic information
360,000	conducted soil and wildlife conservation practices
150,000	carried on forestry activities
50,000	engaged in work relating to agricultural engineering, electricity, tractor maintenance, and general farm repairs

* Estimates, based on reports of State club leaders for 1950.

4. They improved their own health, and cooperated in improving health conditions in their homes and communities.

Club members

Achievement

700,000 carried on special health activities
 300,000 had periodic health examinations
 240,000 trained in home nursing and first aid

Thousands of club members checked and improved their own food and health habits.

Thousands more removed farm and home accident hazards.

An equally large number prepared and served 30,000,000 meals in keeping with the nutritional needs of their own families.

5. They worked as responsible citizens to improve their own communities.

Club members

Achievement

50,000 served as junior 4-H project leaders
 235,000 conducted recreational leadership activities
 45,000 . engaged in community activities, such as improving public grounds, conducting local fairs, and helping those in distress
 415,000 . . demonstrated improved farm and home practices to their neighbors and other interested people of their communities

Thousands of 4-H members developed a deeper appreciation of the American way of life by practicing and demonstrating democracy at home and in their club and community. They did much to help those in distress--victims of polio and other dread diseases, and of floods and earthquakes.

6. They gained a better understanding of their responsibilities in the world of today.

They sent needed supplies to the less fortunate across the seas. These gifts included thousands of packages containing food, clothing, garden seeds, and equipment of various types, such as hand cultivators and sewing machines.

They corresponded with many of those to whom these gifts were sent, and more than 50 representative 4-H members helped in the homes and on the farms of young people in such far-distant countries.

In their 4-H discussions, in spite of discouraging news from overseas, they spent more time than ever before, trying to understand some of the important social and economic forces now at work in the world and the steps to take in developing the good-neighbor spirit at home and abroad, to the end that there might finally be a just and lasting settlement of differences.

